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## **Sen. Kuipers reappointed to national education-policy group**

**LANSING** – Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, again has been appointed to serve on the Education Commission of the States, a national group that keeps state education policymakers abreast of countrywide education issues and trends.

“I’m grateful to the majority leader for allowing me to continue working with my commission colleagues,” Kuipers said. “We recognize today the importance of a quality educational system to the economic success of our state. Working with groups like the Education Commission helps keep Michigan at the forefront of educational reform and success in the nation.”

Kuipers, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, was appointed by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema. The majority leader announced the statutory appointment this week. Kuipers was first appointed to the commission in May 2003.

“Senator Kuipers has proven himself worthy of this appointment by being a leader in education policy,” said Sikkema, R-Wyoming. “He also is very good at working with people in a bipartisan fashion to solve problems and work toward good public policy.”

The commission’s Web site, which has additional information about the commission, is located at [www.ecs.org](http://www.ecs.org). Other Michigan commission members include the governor, state superintendent and Keith Pretty, the president of Walsh College in Troy.

Besides the Education Commission, Kuipers has taken part in the commission chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, which was started to find ways to increase the number of Michigan residents who receive college degrees or other post-secondary training.

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